

Application No. 10/089,397
Reply to Office Action of March 11, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings

Replacement Sheets are presented and enclosed as Attachments. Replacement Sheets have been amended to include a legend -- Prior Art -- in Figs. 6-8, as suggested by the Examiner.

ATTACHMENT:

Three Replacement Sheets (Fig. 6-8).

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 8-11 are pending in the application, as amended. Claim 6 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Claims 1, 2 and 7 have been canceled. Figs. 6-8 have been amended to include the label "Prior Art." The specification has been amended to correct grammar and idiomatic English and to make the title more descriptive. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Drawings

Figs. 6-8 have been objected to because they illustrate prior art and are not labeled as such. Applicants have amended Figs. 6-8 to include the label "Prior Art". It is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure and specification because of grammatical and typographical errors. The Examiner has also objected to the title as not being descriptive. Applicants have reviewed the disclosure and specification, corrected typographical errors, and rewritten portions of the disclosure and specification to improve readability. Applicants have also amended the title to be more descriptive. Applicants respectfully submit that the title, disclosure and specification have been corrected and clarified to avoid confusion and request that the objection to the specification be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 6 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 6 would be allowable if written to include the subject matter of dependent claim 7. Claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 7. Claim 11 is dependent on claim 6.

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Therefore, the rejection of claims 6 and 11 in view of AAPA is moot and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 5,270,887 to Edwards *et al.* Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-9 include allowable subject matter. As was described above, claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 7. Claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 8, 9, 10, and 11 are dependent on amended claim 6.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 6 and 8-11, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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